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Acute Wounds

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Before examining the present application, please enter the new claims 9-12 shown below. Please charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 02-3869.

Add New Claims

9. In a method for the treatment of an acute wound which method involves the step of placing a skin graft or biological dressing over said acute wound,

the improvement comprising substituting for said skin graft or biological dressing a dressing comprising highly absorbent fibers selected from the group consisting of alginates, viscose, modified cellulose, cellulose, polyester, polypropylene and co-polymers thereof, pectin, chitosan, hyaluronic acid or mixtures thereof, which dressing adheres to the wound while allowing outgrowth of the wound epithelium during treatment.

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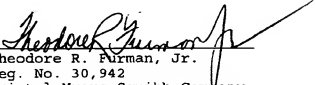
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10. The method of claim 9 wherein said acute wound is a burn.
11. The method of claim 9 wherein the dressing is non-occlusive.
12. The method of claim 9 wherein the dressing comprises modified cellulose fibers which can absorb at least 25 g/g of deionized water.

REMARKS

Applicants have added new claims 9-12 to the present case.
Consideration of all the claims 1-12 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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